

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 13, 2003

FROM: MICHAEL A. RAMOS
District Attorney

SUBJECT: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS BOARD, STATE CONTRACT NO. BOC-3053, TO FUND THE VICTIMS OF CRIME VERIFICATION UNIT FOR FY 2003-04 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve agreement with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGC) for continued funding of the Victims of Crime (VOC) verification unit to process criminal claim forms for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (Program) for F/Y 2003-04.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the agreement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Chapter 713, Statutes of 1979, as amended by Chapter 530, Statutes of 1980, provides for counties to establish Victim/Witness Assistance Programs. The District Attorney has administered the Program since 1980. The Program provides a variety of services to aid victims of crimes, including assisting victims with preparation of applications and claims under the Victims of Crime Program.

Each year, the VCGC enters into an agreement, designating the District Attorney's Office VOC unit as an independent verifying unit for processing crime claim forms submitted by the Program. In FY 2002-03, the agreement provided \$502,372 and funded 12 fiscal/clerical positions providing victim claim processing services countywide. The grant award for FY 2003-04 will be \$483,396. One clerical position will be eliminated to accommodate the reduction in funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The funds for F/Y 2003-04 in the amount of \$483,396 will be included in FY 2003/04 proposed budget. The unit is budgeted to operate within the grant amount. There is no local county cost associated with this program.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on April 29, 2003 and the County Administrative Office (Mario, Lara, Administrative Analyst) on May 2, 2003.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All Districts

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